

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**SB 3627 - HB 3650**

March 30, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Bureau of TennCare to provide the emergency medical services that are available to illegal aliens to all residents of the state.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$12,000,000**

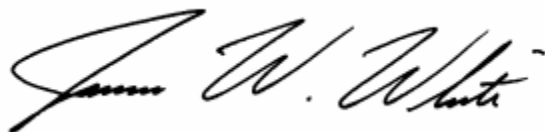
**A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the TennCare Bureau has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.**

Assumptions:

- The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured estimated that there are approximately 157,000 uninsured children and 643,700 uninsured adults in the state.
- The Department of Human Services estimates that 20% of uninsured individuals will seek emergency medical care and of that amount only 3.7% will be admitted resulting in approximately 5,925 individuals that would be granted emergency medical services.
- The Department will need to make modifications to the ACCENT system to determine eligibility of applicants for the services. Such modifications are estimated to increase state expenditures by \$1,830,700 for analysis, programming, designing, testing and equipment.
- The TennCare program will incur an increase in state expenditures which will exceed \$10,000,000.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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